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The Honorable Joseph J. Farnan, Jr.
United States District Court for the District of Delaware
844 King Street
Wilmington, Delaware 19801

**Re: Nokia Corporation and Nokia Inc. v.
Interdigital Communications and Interdigital Technology Corporation
C. A. No. 05-16 (JJF)**

Dear Judge Farnan:

InterDigital submits this brief reply to Nokia's June 8, 2005 letter regarding the Federal Circuit's recent decision in *MedImmune, Inc. v. Centocor, Inc.* and Nokia's new "evidence" purporting to support this Court's jurisdiction over Nokia's declaratory judgment action.

First, Nokia contends that *MedImmune* is distinguishable from this case in part because the declaratory judgment plaintiff in *MedImmune* "was an 'exclusive licensee of the patent, with the right to sublicense the patent to others.'" That is incorrect. *MedImmune* – the declaratory judgment plaintiff – was not an exclusive licensee of the patent in question. *Centocor* – the declaratory judgment defendant – was the exclusive licensee of the patent in question, and *MedImmune* took a license from *Centocor*. Slip Op., p. 2. But even if *MedImmune* had been an exclusive rather than nonexclusive licensee, that is a distinction without meaning given that the declaratory judgment plaintiff in *Gen-Probe*, like *Nokia*, was a nonexclusive licensee of the patent in question. *Gen-Probe, Inc. v. Vysis, Inc.*, 359 F.3d 1376, 1377-78 (Fed. Cir. 2004).

Second, *Nokia* submits new "evidence" purporting to show that "InterDigital continues to make threats against *Nokia* concerning patent litigation." Such "evidence" consists of a posting on an Internet message board by an unknown person simply identified as "KAJ07710," who asserts that Harry Campagna – the Chairman of the Board of InterDigital – allegedly made certain oral statements after InterDigital's shareholder meeting on June 2, 2005. While InterDigital disagrees with *Nokia*'s characterization of those alleged statements, it is black-letter law that a declaratory judgment plaintiff's

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reasonable apprehension of suit (for the purpose of establishing an actual controversy) must be based on the facts *at the time suit is filed*. Indeed, the Federal Circuit in *MedImmune* made this very point in rejecting the relevance of Centocor's subsequent declaratory judgment action against MedImmune. Slip Op., p. 9 ("The fact that Centocor *did* sue MedImmune, *after* MedImmune filed its declaratory judgment action does not alter the analysis. The presence or absence of a case or controversy is based on the facts at the time the complaint was filed") (emphasis in original & citation omitted). It is obvious that a hearsay statement made on June 2, 2005, months after suit was filed, does not support Nokia's alleged apprehension of suit as of January 12, 2005.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard L. Horwitz", written in a cursive style.

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